

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A system comprising:

one or more remote sites, each comprising:

one or more first servers configured to receive digital content from a client, and
an ingest server configured to ingest the digital content that is to be received by

the first servers,

the digital content to be available to users via the first servers; and

a central site geographically remote from the remote sites, the central site comprising one or more ingest queue servers to direct transfer of digital content from the ingest server to one or more of the first servers based on client identifying information.

Claim 2 (Original): The system of claim 1, wherein each client is associated with a particular remote site, the particular remote site storing digital content of the client.

Claim 3 (Original): The system of claim 1, wherein the client identifying information includes a location, the remote site proximate to the location.

Claim 4 (Original): The system of claim 3 wherein the location is a location of probable users of the client's digital content, the remote site and the client's digital content thus proximate to the location of probable users.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 3 further comprising:

associating a character set within a language with a remote site; and

using the associated character set in connection with the digital content at the remote site.

Claim 6 (Original): The system of claim 1 wherein two or more remote sites have a relationship to each other based on geographic location.

Claim 7 (Original): The system of claim 6 wherein transfer of digital content is based on the relationship between the two or more remote sites.

Claim 8 (Original): The system of claim 1, wherein each remote site further comprises:

one or more second servers for managing digital content at the remote site;

one or more storage servers configured to store digital content received by the remote site; and

one or more media servers coupled to at least one of the storage servers, the one or more media servers configured to receive a request to access an item of digital content from a user and in response to the request, and read the item of digital content stored on the at least one storage server.

Claim 9 (Original): The system of claim 1 wherein the client identifying information is a location of the client.

Claim 10 (Original): The system of claim 1 wherein the client identifying information is an amount of digital content that the client has transferred.

Claim 11 (Original): The system of claim 1 wherein the central site further comprises:

one or more first servers configured to receive digital content and make digital content available to users.

Claim 12 (Original): The system of claim 1 wherein transfer of digital content is caused by a user's request to experience the content.

Claim 13 (Currently amended): A method comprising:

receiving information about digital content at a central site from a client;

analyzing ~~the client~~ identifying information ~~of the client~~;

uploading the digital content to an ingest server at a remote site; and

directing, by an ingest queue server at the central site, transfer of digital content from the ingest server to another server at the remote site based on client identifying information.

Claim 14 (Original): The method of claim 13, wherein each client is associated with a particular remote site, the particular remote site storing digital content of the client.

Claim 15 (Original): The method of claim 13, wherein the client identifying information includes a location, the remote site proximate to the location.

Claim 16 (Original): The method of claim 15 wherein the location is a location of probable users of the client's digital content, the remote site and the client's digital content thus proximate to the location of probable users.

Claim 17 (Original): The method of claim 15 further comprising:
 associating a character set within a language with a remote site; and
 using the associated character set in connection with the digital content at the remote site.

Claim 18 (Original): The method of claim 13 wherein two or more remote sites have a relationship to each other based on geographic location.

Claim 19 (Original): The method of claim 13 wherein transfer of digital content is based on the relationship between the two or more remote sites.

Claim 20 (Original): The method of claim 13, further comprising:
 managing the digital content at the remote site;
 storing digital content received by the remote site; and
 receiving a request to access an item of digital content from a user and in response to the request, reading the stored item of digital content.

Claim 21 (Original): The method of claim 13 wherein the client identifying information is the location of the client.

Claim 22 (Original): The method of claim 13 wherein the client identifying information is the amount of digital content that the client has transferred.

Claim 23 (Original): The method of claim 13 further comprising:
receiving digital content at the central site;
making the digital content available to users from the central site.

Claim 24 (Original): The method of claim 13 wherein transfer of digital content is in response to a request from a user to experience the content.

Claim 25 (Original): The method of claim 24 wherein transfer is to a remote site located proximate to the user making the request.

Claim 26 (Withdrawn): A method for managing digital content and providing digital content to end users the method comprising:
receiving digital content from a client having one or more characteristics;
assigning a unique identifier to the digital content based on the characteristics;
copying the digital content to one or more media servers based upon the characteristics.

Claim 27 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 26 wherein the characteristics include the subject matter of the content.

Claim 28 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 26 wherein the characteristics include the owner of the content.

Claim 29 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 26 wherein the characteristics include the geographic storage location of the content.

Claim 30 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 26 wherein the characteristics include the size of the content.

Claim 31 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 26 wherein the characteristics include the media type of the content.

Claim 32 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 26 wherein the characteristics include the amount of time the content has been requested in a given period of time.

Claim 33 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 26 further comprising:
grouping together one or more servers;
associating a criterion with the one or more servers; and
utilizing a server from the grouped servers whenever the criterion is met.

Claim 34 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 33 wherein the criterion includes the client from whom the digital content was received.

Claim 35 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 33 wherein the criterion includes the size of the digital content.

Claim 36 (Withdrawn): A method of efficiently managing content received from a client the method comprising:
receiving first content from a client;
associating an identifier with the first content;
storing the first content at a first location;
receiving subsequent content from the client;
retrieving the identifier;
associating the identifier with the first location; and
storing the subsequent content at the first location.

Claim 37 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 36 wherein the first location is a group of one or more storage devices.

Claim 38 (Withdrawn): A method for managing digital content of one or more clients, and providing the digital content to end users, the method comprising:

- assigning one or more unique message queue to each client;
- moving requests to access each client's digital content to the message queue assigned to the client; and
- processing the requests received in one of each client's assigned message queues.

Claim 39 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 39 wherein the request to access the client's digital content is made by the client.

Claim 40 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 39 wherein the client request includes a request to delete the content.

Claim 41 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 39 wherein the client request includes a request to move the content.

Claim 42 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 39 wherein the client request includes a request to copy the content.